FISCAL NOTE

SB 832

February 11, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Limits the amount that municipally or cooperatively owned utilities may receive in exchange for permission for pole attachments. Stipulates that in-kind payment in exchange for this permission cannot be made and that such utilities may refuse requests for pole attachments only if access is not technically feasible.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$4,000,000

Assumptions:

- Municipal utilities currently receive approximately \$8,000,000 annually from pole attachment fees paid by cable TV providers.
- Municipal utilities currently receive approximately \$13,000,000 annually from pole attachment fees paid by telegraph or telephone corporations.
- Setting pole attachment fees in accordance with federal guidelines is estimated to result in a minimum average reduction in excess of 20% in the amount of fees currently collected by municipal utilities.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director